## Alaska DLM Essential Elements and Instructional Examples for English Language Arts

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## AK-DLM ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONAL EXAMPLES FOR SEVENTH GRADE

Seventh Grade English Language Arts Standards: Reading (Literature)

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Key Ideas and Details.	<b>EERL.7.1.</b> Cite text to draw inferences from stories and	
RL.7.1. Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	poems.	Ex. Cite explicit information ( <i>It rained for three days</i> .) and details that support the inference that there will be flooding (e.g., <i>The river was high</i> . <i>The people in town were hauling sandbags</i> .). <b>EERL.7.1.</b> Cite text to draw inferences from stories and poems.  Ex. Point to, underline, or highlight the text used when drawing a simple inference about a short passage (e.g., The inference that the man was sorry he did it is supported by the details in the text that say he couldn't sleep, he decided to apologize, and he knew he'd never do it again.).  Ex. Draw a simple inference from a specific text in a passage (e.g., <i>badboy</i> ).
		EERL.7.1. Cite text to support what the text says explicitly.  Ex. Select the details from an array of choices that relate to an explicit point about the text.  Ex. Point to, highlight, or otherwise indicate details in the text in the story that support what the text says explicitly.  EERL.7.1. Identify details in the text or pictures that provides the answer

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		to an explicit question about a familiar text.  Ex. Identify a detail from a picture or illustration that answers a simple what question about a familiar text using partner-assisted scanning or eye gaze.  Ex. Given a list of details from the story, identify a detail that provides the answer to a simple who question about a familiar text.  Ex. Given a familiar text projected on an interactive whiteboard, highlight the detail that provides the answer to a simple question.
RL.7.2. Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.	EERL.7.2. Determine the theme or central idea of a text and identify the details that relate to it.	EERL.7.2. Determine the relationships of the central idea to the details of a story.  Ex. Given a list of details from a story, identify those that do and do not relate to the central idea.  Ex. Choose a title from three options that best reflects the central idea.  EERL.7.2. Determine the theme or central idea of a text and identify the details that relate to it.  Ex. Given a selection of details from a story provided in a graphic organizer, choose the central idea from provided options, and eliminate the details that do not relate to it.  Ex. Given a text projected on an interactive whiteboard, identify the central idea of the text and highlight the details that relate to the central idea.
		EERL.7.2. Identify the central idea of a text.

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		Ex. Identify the central idea of a text from an array of choices.  Ex. Given a graphic organizer displaying the important elements of a story, identify the central idea.  EERL.7.2. Identify details from a text.  Ex. Given a list of details (text and/or picture-based), sort them into those that relate to a familiar story and those that do not.  Ex. Given an illustration from a text, point to the aspects of the illustration that reflect details from the text.
RL.7.3. Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).	EERL.7.3. Recognize the relationship of two story elements.	EERL.7.3. Recognize how events, settings, or other story elements influence the outcome of a story or drama.  Ex. Explain how two or more events influence the outcome (e.g., In Hatchet by Gary Paulson, how does the plane crash and the death of the pilot affect how the boy finds his way home?).  Ex. Given a list of events in a drama, identify those that had the greatest impact on the outcome.  EERL.7.3. Recognize the relationship of two story elements.  Ex. Recognize how the setting changes with the events in a story.  Ex. Recognize which characters are a part of which events in a drama.  Ex. Given the setting (e.g., park), tell or select from choices what the character was doing in that place (e.g., playing).
		<b>EERL.7.3.</b> Recognize two elements of a story.

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		Ex. Recognize the characters and the setting of a story. Ex. Recognize the events and setting of a drama.
		EERL.7.3. Identify one element of a story.  Ex. Point to a picture of the setting.  Ex. Press a Big Mac switch whenever a certain character is mentioned in the story.
Craft and Structure.  RL.7.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of rhymes and other repetitions of sounds (e.g., alliteration) on a specific verse or stanza of a poem or section of a story or drama.	EERL.7.4. Use rhyme and other repetitions of words or sounds (e.g., alliteration) to support understanding of a poem or a section of a story or drama.	EERL.7.4. Demonstrate understanding of the use of rhyme and other repetitions of sounds (e.g., alliteration) in a poem or a section of a story or drama.  Ex. Determine from an array of choices upcoming words or phrases based on the pattern established by the author such as in a poem by Silverstein.  EERL.7.4. Use rhyme and other repetitions of words and sounds (e.g., alliteration) to support understanding of a poem or a section of a story or drama.  Ex. Use context in a passage or poem where words or passages are repeated, choose a definition of a word or phrases from choices.  Ex. Given a passage from a story in which repetition is used, use the repetition of words or phrases in different contexts in the passage to determine the meaning of the passage.
		<b>EERL.7.4.</b> Identify a pattern of repeated words or phrases.

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		Ex. In a shared reading of a passage with a predictable pattern, communicate the predictable word or phrase in the story.  Ex. In a shared reading of a poem with a predictable pattern, communicate the predictable word or phrase of the poem.  EERL.7.4. Identify a repeated word or phrase.  Ex. Pick out repeated words in a short story.  Ex. Respond with a repeated phrase at the appropriate time in a story.
RL.7.5. Analyze how a drama's or poem's form or structure (e.g., soliloquy, sonnet) contributes to its meaning.	EERL.7.5. Determine how poetry form and structure contributes to its meaning.	EERL.7.5. Compare and contrast different structures used in poetry.  Ex. Clap or tap the rhythm of various poems, recording the number of beats per line, and compare the different patterns.  Ex. Compare the different writing patterns used in poetry, such as rhyme as opposed to prose (i.e., non-rhyming).  EERL.7.5. Determine how poetry form and structure contributes to its meaning.  Ex. Given Robert Frost's "Miles to go before I sleep and miles to go before I sleep," answer, "What does it mean?"  Ex. Select a rap or song with a repeated phrase and identify how that phrase contributes to the meaning of the song.  Ex. Clap or tap the rhythm of a variety of poems to identify the structure.
		<b>EERL.7.5.</b> Identify common structures used in a poem.

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		Ex. Given a poem, identify that it rhymes. Ex. Given a poem that has a predictable pattern and word cards that could fit into the pattern, read and recite the poem filling in the last word with a word card.  EERL.7.5. Recite a poem using a communication device or preferred mode of communication. Ex. Use a preprogrammed AAC device to recite a stanza from a familiar poem.
RL.7.6. Analyze how an author develops and contrasts the points of view of different characters or narrators in a	<b>EERL.7.6.</b> Identify how a character's point of view is the same or different from another character.	<b>EERL.7.6.</b> Compare points of view of the characters in literary text. Ex. In a popular chapter book, discuss the main character's point of view such as Brian's point of view in <i>Hatchet</i> and compare to another character.
text.		<b>EERL.7.6.</b> Identify how a character's point of view is the same or different from another character.  Ex. After reading a story (e.g., <i>The Time Machine</i> by H.G. Wells – Classic Starts), identify the difference between how the people in the community feel about their lives in the future and how Victorian Londoners feel; use a graphic organizer for word or picture cards.  Ex. After acting out a short play or scenario, identify different points of view of the characters (e.g., "How does feel about? Did feel the same way?").
		AA Students will: EERL.7.6. Identify personal point of view about a story.

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		Ex. Choose a word that represents their own reaction to a story (e.g., Hatchet, The Time Machine, The Cay).
		EERL.7.6. Identify a character.
		Ex. Select the picture of the main character.
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas.	<b>EERL.7.7.</b> Compare a video version of a story, poem, or	
RL.7.7. Compare and contrast a written story,	drama to a text-based version of the same story, poem, or drama.	Ex. Determine what is the same and what is different in a video version and text version of the same story (e.g., a movie version compared to book that tells the same story).
drama, or poem to its audio, filmed, staged, or multimedia version,		Ex. Compare and contrast a character's point of view in a video and text version of the same story.
analyzing the effects of techniques unique to each		<b>EERL.7.7.</b> Compare a video version of a story, poem, or drama to a text-based version of the same story, poem, or drama.
medium (e.g., lighting, sound, color, or camera		Ex. Compare the animated version to the text version of a story (e.g., <i>Balto</i> compared to Iditarod, Alaskan dog sled race).
focus and angles in a film).		Ex. After reading a book and viewing a video of the same story, compare events as they happened in each (e.g., After reading <i>The Time Machine</i> , identify several key elements or events from the story. Watch the video of the same story and each time the element or event is evidenced, place the matching word or picture card in a "done" box.).
		<b>EERL.7.7.</b> Express a preference for a story and video.

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		Ex. Choose which they liked better: story or video.  EERL.7.7. Recognize the text version of a story, drama, or poem that matches the audio, video, or live version.  Ex. After watching a video presentation of a familiar story, identify the book that tells the same story from choices.
RL.7.8. (Not applicable to literature)	EERL.7.8. N/A	
RL.7.9. Compare and contrast a fictional portrayal of a time, place, or character and a historical account of the same period as a means of understanding how authors of fiction use or alter history.	EERL.7.9. Recognize the difference between fictional characters and nonfictional characters.	EERL.7.9. Compare and contrast a fictional character with a historical character.  Ex. Compare the fictional <i>Brighty of the Grand Canyon</i> story to real accounts of donkeys used during the gold rush era.  EERL.7.9. Recognize the difference between fictional characters and nonfictional characters.  Ex. In a series of pictures related to non-fiction and fiction stories, recognize the fictional characters by placing a star on them.  EERL.7.9. Identify a character as nonfictional.  Ex. After shared reading of a familiar story about a nonfictional character (e.g., George Washington), answer "Was George Washington a real person?"
		EERL.7.9. Identify a fictional character.

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		Ex. After shared reading of a familiar story about fictional characters, point to pictures of fictional characters from the story.
Range of Reading and	<b>EERL.7.10.</b> **This Essential	
Level of Text Complexity	Element references all elements above.	
RL.7.10. By the end of the		
year read and comprehend		
literature, including stories,		
dramas, and poems, in the		
grades 6-8 text complexity		
band proficiently, with		
scaffolding as needed at		
the high end of the range.		

Seventh Grade English Language Arts Standards: Reading (Informational Text)

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EERI.7.1. Cite text to draw inferences from	<b>EERI.7.1.</b> Cite textual evidence to determine what is inferred versus what is explicit.
informational text.	Ex. Explicit = It rained for three days.; Inferred = There will be flooding.
	EERI.7.1. Cite text to draw inferences from informational text.  Ex. Point to the text used after drawing a simple inference about a short passage (e.g., a tornado was scary).  Ex. Draw a simple inference from specific text in a passage (e.g., "The sky was dark" means it might rain.).
	<b>EERI.7.1.</b> Cite text to find one detail to support an inference. Ex. Select a quoted detail from text from choices that include only one quote from the text. Ex. Point to, highlight, or otherwise indicate a detail in the text in the story that supports an inference.
	<b>EERI.7.1.</b> Identify a detail from a sentence or phrase in the text. Ex. Identify a detail from a picture or graphic illustration by answering "yes" or "no"; turn of the head; eye gaze. Ex. Identify a picture that is related to the text (e.g., picture of pyramids to relate to text on Ancient Egypt.).
EERI.7.2. Determine two	
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and analyze their	throughout the text.	<b>EERI.7.2.</b> Determine at least two ideas that contribute to the central ideas
development over the		of the text.
course of the text; provide an objective summary of		Ex. Asked "What was the passage about?," paraphrases facts for each central idea identified.
the text.		Ex. Asked "What in the passage said what it was about?," selects and
the text.		copies or says two facts from choices about each central idea.
		<b>EERI.7.2.</b> Determine two central ideas that progress throughout the text.
		Ex. Asked "What are two important things the passage tells?," answer from choices provided.
		Ex. Asked "What are the two most important steps in the directions?,"
		from a list of lab safety rules, names two rules critical to safety.
		<b>EERI.7.2.</b> Given sentences from an informational text, identify an important idea.
		Ex. Using pictures, illustrations, etc., identify an idea
		Ex. Through auditory or tactile source, identify an idea.
		EERI.7.2. Identify details from a text.
		Ex. After shared reading of the safety steps for the science lab, identify a detail from the text (e.g., wear goggles, wear apron, not touch fire).
		Ex. Identify an object the passage is discussing (e.g., The student points to safety goggles after listening to the safety steps of the science lab.).
RI.7.3. Analyze the	EERI.7.3. Identify	
interactions between	interactions between	
individuals, events, and	individuals, events, or ideas	

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ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).	in text.	EERI.7.3. Explain interactions between individuals, events, or ideas in text. Ex. Explain how a change in the text is caused by an individual or an event (e.g., "What happens to the fish when the water dries up?"). Ex. Explain interactions between the main character in informational text and another individual (e.g., Harriet Tubman and another slave companion on the journey through the Underground Railroad.).  EERI.7.3. Identify interactions between individuals, events, or ideas in text. Ex. Identify interactions between the main character in the text and another individual (e.g., "What did the boy say to the girl in the story?"). Ex. Identify interactions between individuals and events (e.g., "What did the man do when the fire started?").  EERI.7.3. Identify one interaction between events from the passage. Ex. Using pictures, illustrations, etc., identify an interaction between two events in a passage (e.g., a glass was broken and someone was cut). Ex. Through an auditory or tactile source, identify an interaction between two ideas in a passage (e.g., packing for a trip to the arctic and items to put in a backpack).
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		EERI.7.3. Identify a detail about an individual or event.  Ex. Identify a detail from a picture or graphic about a characteristic of a person of interest (e.g., tall/short, large/small) by answering "yes" or "no", turn of the head, eye gaze, etc.  Ex. Identify an event from a text by answering "yes" or "no", turning head, eye gaze, switch, etc. (e.g., "Was there a storm?").
RI.7.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.	EERI.7.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in an informational text.	EERI.7.4. Determine phrases that impact meaning of the text.  Ex. While reading an informational passage, use context to determine the meaning of words and phrases.  Ex. Give more than one meaning of a phrase from an informational text, select the one that best matches the reading passage.  EERI.7.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in an informational text.  Ex. Select a synonym from choices provided verbally in text form for an underlined word or phrase in a sentence in an informational text.  Ex. Use a basic elementary dictionary and thesaurus to determine word meaning.  Ex. Match the safety equipment with the direction of the appropriate use in the kitchen, science lab, agriculture lab, etc.

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		EERI.7.4. Match or pair word to meaning.  Ex. Match or pair pictures with word when presented with pictures and words.  Ex. Match an illustration of a map to the word "map" in a geography passage.  EERI.7.4. Indicate words in a text.  Ex. Identify text versus pictures in an informational text (e.g., Point to the map when asked, "Where is the map? And point to the text when asked, "Where does it tell us about the map?").  Ex. Use a picture to request a resource.
RI.7.5. Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to the development of the ideas.	EERI.7.5. Determine how headings, key words, and key phrases relate to the topic of a text.	EERI.7.5. Determine how key components of the organization of text relate to the topic.  Ex. Identify bolded key words, topics, and sub-topics.  EERI.7.5. Determine how headings, key words, and key phrases relate to the topic of a text.  Ex. Given a how-to text, use headings to determine steps in the directions.  Ex. Use sequence words to locate key information in a pre-vocational text (e.g., first, next, then, and last).  EERI.7.5. Determine how headings are related to the topic of a text.  Ex. Asked what the passage is about, point to title.  Ex. Asked what the part of the passage is about, point to heading.

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		EERI.7.5. Identify the title of a passage.  Ex. After shared reading of an informational text before and after which the teacher states the title of the text, use a communication device or preferred mode of communication to repeat the title.  Ex. Use a preprogrammed AAC device to request an informational text by its title.
RI.7.6. Determine an author's point of view or	<b>EERI.7.6.</b> Determine author's point of view and	<b>EERI.7.6.</b> Respond to the author's purpose or point of view with own point of view.
purpose in a text and analyze how the author distinguishes his or her	compare to own point of view	Ex. What was the author trying to convey and what do you think about that?
position from that of others.		<b>EERI.7.6.</b> Determine author's point of view and compare to own point of view.
		Ex. Read or listen to a passage and answer a question about the author's point of view (e.g., "Why does the author think you should know about water safety? What do you think about that?").
		Ex. Why did the author write the book?
		<b>EERI.7.6.</b> Identify an author's thoughts and feelings. Ex. After shared reading of an informational text, answer questions about the thoughts the author shared (e.g., When the teacher asks, "What does the author think about water?," the students answer, "Drink clean water.").
		Ex. After shared reading of an informational text, answer questions about the feelings the author shared (e.g., When the teacher asks, "How did the author feel about fire?," the students answer, "sad", "scared", etc.).

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		EERI.7.6. Identify a thought of the author.  Ex. After shared reading of an informational text, sort a list (text and/or picture-based) into things that were in the text and those that were not (e.g., In text - The bird wants to go home, versus not in text - The boy wants cake.).  Ex. After shared reading of an informational text when the group discusses what they heard, hit a switch when someone says something that was in the text.
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas.  RI.7.7. Compare and contrast a text to an audio, video, or multimedia version of the text, analyzing each medium's portrayal of the subject (e.g., how the delivery of a speech affects the impact of the words).	EERI.7.7. Compare the experience of reading a text to listening or watching a video of the same text.	EERI.7.7. Compare and contrast the experience of reading a text to listening or watching a video of the same text.  Ex. Listen to a passage, read a passage, and watch a video of the same passage, and then talk about or list the things they saw as different and the same.  Ex. Determine what is the same and what is different in a video version and story about the same historical events (e.g., Disney version of the story of Pocahontas compared to a text about Pocahontas).  EERI.7.7. Compare the experience of reading a text to listening or watching a video of the same text.  Ex. After listening to a passage or watching a video of the passage and then reading the passage, choose pictures that relate to the feelings gotten from each one.  Ex. After watching a newscast about a current event and shared reading of a news report on the same event, select words from choices to compare reactions to the video and to the text.

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		EERI.7.7. Identify an idea from a text or video.  Ex. Select a word that identifies something heard or read in an informational text.  Ex. Select a picture from an informational video that identifies an idea from the video.  EERI.7.7. Recognize the text version of an event that matches the audio, video, or live version.  Ex. After watching an audio or video version of an event, identify the text version that tells about the same event given a related and unrelated text containing illustrations.
RI.7.8. Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims.	<b>EERI.7.8.</b> Delineate the specific claims for text.	EERI.7.8. Analyze text to support claims and judge the conclusions.  Ex. List evidence to support the claims in an informational text, "Would you agree with this author?"  Ex. List evidence cited by the advertiser to support claims from a commercial or print ad, "Would you buy this product?"  EERI.7.8. Delineate the specific claims for text.  Ex. Given a list of claims, highlight the claims found in an informational text.  Ex. After reading a print ad or commercial, select from a list of claims the ones found in the commercial or advertisement.

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		EERI.7.8. Identify a claim from text.  Ex. Point to a claim in a print ad (e.g., point to the picture of a smiling customer in a print advertisement.)  Ex. Repeat a claim from a commercial, (e.g., "mmm, mmm, good").  EERI.7.8. Respond to an advertisement.  Ex. Smile in response to an ad for a product they like.  Ex. Nod in response when asked, "Did they say the cereal tastes good?"
RI.7.9. Analyze how two or more authors writing about the same topic shape their presentations of key information by emphasizing different evidence or advancing different interpretations of facts.	EERI.7.9. Compare information provided by authors of two different texts on the same topic.	EERI.7.9. Compare and contrast key information provided by authors of two different texts on the same topic.  Ex. Given information about their state from two different authors, answer "What is the same?" and "What is different?"  Ex. Given two brief descriptions of an historical event, select a statement from choices about what was different between the two accounts.  EERI.7.9. Compare information provided by authors of two different texts on the same topic.  Ex. Given information about Africa from two different authors, answer "What is the same?"  Ex. Given two brief descriptions of a historical event and asked specific questions about one event, "Did both say the same thing about that?"

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		EERI.7.9. Identify a key piece of information provided by authors of two different texts on same subject.  Ex. After shared reading of two informational texts on the same topic, select from choices one fact that was the same in both.  EERI.7.9. Identify a detail provided by the authors.  Ex. After shared reading of an informational text, indicate whether the detail was provided in the passage when stated by the teacher.  Ex. During shared reading of an informational text, use a switch, a nod, or
		answer "yes" or "no" when the teacher asks, "Did the author say ?"
Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity.	<b>EERI.7.10.</b> **This Essential Element references all elements above.	
RI.7.10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6—8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.		

**Seventh Grade English Language Arts Standards: Writing** 

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W.7.1. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.  a. Introduce claim(s), acknowledge alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.  b. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.	EEW.7.1.a-b. Write a claim and support it with reasons or other relevant evidence.	EEW.7.1.a-b. Write a claim and support it with multiple reasons or other relevant evidence.  Ex. Write a claim (e.g., Saturdays are best.) and support it with multiple reasons (e.g., I get to sleep late. I watch TV. I stay home.).  Ex. Write a claim (e.g., I like pizza.) and support it with multiple statements of relevant evidence (e.g., I buy it at lunch. I eat it all.).  EEW.7.1.a-b. Write a claim and support it with one reason or other relevant evidence.  Ex. Write a claim (e.g., Saturdays are best.) and support it with a reason (e.g., I get to sleep late.)  Ex. Write a claim (e.g., I like pizza.) and support it with relevant evidence (e.g., I eat it all.).

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		EEW.7.1.a-b. With guidance and support, write a claim and support it with one reason.  Ex. Write a claim with guidance (e.g., The student tells a peer "ice cream every day" and the peer supports the student in writing the claim by stretching out the sounds in words so the student can type letters in word prediction software and select the appropriate word from the list.).  Ex. After a discussion of student interests and school rules, complete a repeated sentence frame to write a claim by writing the appropriate word in the blank (e.g., We need <claim> because <supportive reason="">. We need recess because fun. We need gum because good. We need talk because friends.). After each statement, the teacher leads group in identifying claim and discussion of reason.  Ex. Using a writing template created by the teacher in a talking word processor, fill in a blank to write a claim and to complete more sentences to support the claim (e.g., The student completes the sentence, I think we need more computers. And then the student completes more sentences working with the teacher, We need more computers because we don't have enough. We have six students. We only have two computers.).</supportive></claim>

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		EEW.7.1.a-b. Select a claim.  Ex. When signing in each morning, select a claim about the day choosing among claims (e.g., I will have a good day, I will have a quiet day, or I will word hard today).  Ex. During shared reading, select a claim about the book (e.g., This story isn't true, or I know something about this, or I heard this before).  Ex. After the teacher leads a discussion about whether crackers or pretzels taste better and why, complete a template with teacher guidance using words generated in discussion after snack time (e.g., "Crackers/pretzels taste better because [salty, crunchy, buttery, softer, harder].").
c. Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), reasons, and evidence.	EEW.7.1.c. N/A	
d. Establish and maintain a formal style.	<b>EEW.7.1.d.</b> N/A	
e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument	EEW.7.1.e. N/A	

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w.7.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.  a. Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts,	EEW.7.2.a-b. Write to convey ideas and information including facts, details, and other information as well as graphics and multimedia as needed.	EEW.7.2.a-b. Write to convey ideas and information clearly including facts, details, and other information as well as graphics and multimedia as needed.  Ex. Write a statement about the topic. Then, write sentences with two or more facts or concrete details to accompany selected graphics and multimedia elements.  Ex. Following a staged crime, write what the crime is and what they saw and heard and include Internet images to convey similar actions.  EEW.7.2.a-b. Write to convey ideas and information including facts, details, and other information as well as graphics and multimedia as needed.  Ex. Write on an assigned topic related to an informational text read by the class and include facts about the topic with accompanying illustrations (e.g., When asked to write about the river, the student writes a statement about the topic, identifies pictures of the river to include, and writes one or more related facts.).  Ex. Write about the details that were the same in a story read by the class and video of the same story (e.g., When asked to read and view the video about <i>Balto</i> , write about details from the story and the video.).

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tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.  b. Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.		EEW.7.2.a-b. Write to convey ideas and information.  Ex. Write on an assigned topic (e.g., When asked to write about the river, the student writes, <i>River is fast.</i> ).  Ex. Work with peers to write a report on a science topic (e.g., The student writes about climate and the kinds of clothing we wear in different weather.) and gather relevant photos and videos from the Internet to include in and link to the report.  EEW.7.2.a-b. Communicate ideas and information contributing to a text.  Ex. Point to symbols on a communication device to communicate ideas about an upcoming event (e.g., "I go") which the teacher types in a talking word processor as the student observes and listens.  Ex. Point to symbols on a communication device to communicate information about transportation after school (e.g., "Mom drives") and select from an online array of relevant photos, which the teacher adds to an online presentation site where the student can independently read, listen, and observe the text created.
c. Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.	EEW.7.2.c. N/A	
d. Use precise language	EEW.7.2.d. Use domain-	

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and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.	specific vocabulary when writing about a topic.	EEW.7.2.d. Use wide range of domain-specific vocabulary when writing about a topic.  Ex. During a unit on rivers, when writing about the river, appropriately use a wide array of words like current, hydro-electric, erosion, basin, tributary, and habitat by referring to the glossary of the text.  Ex. During a unit on rivers, when writing about rivers, explain its features accurately and provide appropriate examples by using an online graphic dictionary.  EEW.7.2.d. Use domain-specific vocabulary when writing about a topic.  Ex. When writing about the river, use words like current and habitat appropriately with word prediction software with an incorporated topic dictionary.  Ex. With support, compose a multimedia dictionary of river terminology with images and video examples of each term to be used as a reference when writing.
		when writing.

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		EEW.7.2.d. With guidance and support, use domain-specific vocabulary when writing about a topic.  Ex. Use a teacher-prepared word bank with domain-specific vocabulary to write about a topic.  Ex. Work with peers to brainstorm domain-specific words to include in writing and use list when writing about the topic.  Ex. Write with a peer using word prediction software with an incorporated topic dictionary.  EEW.7.2.d. With guidance and support, use domain-specific vocabulary when communicating about a text.  Ex. Working with an adult who helps the student navigate to the appropriate page on a dynamic display communication device, use the available domain-specific vocabulary to communicate about a topic which the adult then writes in a group text and reads aloud to the entire group while pointing to the words.  Ex. Working with peers using a topic-specific set-up projected on an interactive whiteboard, select from the available domain-specific vocabulary to communicate with peers who write the contributions in the text and read aloud to the group.
e. Establish and maintain a formal style.	<b>EEW.7.2.e.</b> N/A	
f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and	EEW.7.2.f. N/A	

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supports the information or explanation presented.  W.7.3. Write narratives to	<b>EEW.7.3.</b> Select an event	<b>EEW.7.3.a-b.</b> Introduce the experience or situation, multiple characters,
develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.  a. Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.  b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and	situation, at least one character, and two or more events in sequence.	and multiple events in sequence.  Ex. Write about a personal experience (e.g., Go to movies), writing about himself (me) and friends (JT and K), and including multiple events (Go in car. By popcn [popcorn]. sit fnt [front]).  Ex. After reading and discussing a non-fiction text, write a summary about an event (e.g., Boston Tea Party), the situation (tea tax), the actors (colonists), the actions (got on ships, threw tea in harbor).  EEW.7.3.a-b. Introduce the experience or situation, at least one character, and two or more events in sequence.  Ex. Write about a personal experience (e.g., make bns [brownies]) writing about himself (me) and mom (mom), and including two events (cook. eat.).  Ex. After reading and discussing a non-fiction text, generate group notes in visual planning software, convert those visual notes into a written outline in the software, and expand those notes into a summary about an event (e.g., Boston Tea Party), the situation (tea tax), the actors (colonists), the actions (got on ships, threw tea in harbor).

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description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.		EEW.7.3.a-b. With guidance and support, introduce the experience or situation, at least one character, and two or more events in sequence. Ex. With guidance and support from a teacher who guides the student through each step of writing, write about going to the grocery store (siping [shopping]).  Ex. After reading and discussing a non-fiction text, identify key actors and events from a list on an interactive whiteboard, and write a summary using a template (e.g., This text is about <event>. The colonists <did things="" two="" what=""> because <what about="" mad="" they="" were="">.).  EEW.7.3.a-b. With guidance and support, communicate about a personal experience.  Ex. With the support of an adult who gets the student's remnant book and turns the pages, select an artifact from the remnant book (e.g., movie ticket) and then use signs and gestures to say, "me go" which the adult writes on a sticky note and reads aloud and sticks on the page in the book. Ex. Using switches or symbols, select a word about something they like to do (e.g., go to movies, watch TV, play games) which the adult adds to a group chart of likes and dislikes and reads aloud to the group.  Ex. Having seen a photo from a field trip, use a multi-message device to communicate about the experience (Go farm. Happy.), which the teacher will write below the photo and read aloud as the student observes.</what></did></event>
c. Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to	EEW.7.3.c. N/A	

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convey sequence and		
signal shifts from one		
time frame or setting		
to another.		
d. Use precise words and	<b>EEW.7.3.d.</b> N/A	
phrases, relevant		
descriptive details, and		
sensory language to		
capture the action and		
convey experiences		
and events.		
e. Provide a conclusion	EEW.7.3.e. N/A	
that follows from and		
reflects on the		
narrated experiences or events.		
Production and	<b>EEW.7.4.</b> Produce writing	
Distribution of Writing.	that is appropriate for the	
	task, purpose, or audience.	
W.7.4. Produce clear and		
coherent writing in which		
the development,		

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organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)		EEW.7.4. Produce writing that is appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.  Ex. Write a note of apology.  Ex. Write an assigned topic, providing supporting information as required by the assignment.  Ex. Write a short research report stating the topic and providing supporting information as required by the assignment.  Ex. Write a poem that has the desired language structure and content.  EEW.7.4. Produce writing that is appropriate to the task, purpose, or audience.  Ex. Write the schedule for the day.  Ex. Write an e-mail to Mom and Dad about something needed for school.  Ex. Following the reading of a text with predictable structure and content (e.g., Yo Yes), create new text following the structure and content (e.g., Play ball? Okay.).  EEW.7.4. With guidance and support, produce writing that is appropriate to the task, purpose, or audience.  Ex. Use a letter-writing rubric or set of criteria to write a thank you note.  Ex. Use a ready-made set-up in multimedia software to write a short research report filling in the topic and two facts related to it.

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		EEW.7.4. With guidance and support, produce writing for a variety of purposes.  Ex. With guidance and support, write to sign name.  Ex. With guidance and support, write to make a request.  Ex. With guidance and support, write to respond.  Ex. With guidance and support, use a letter-writing template to write an email to an e-pal.
W.7.5. With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.	EEW.7.5. With guidance and support from adults and peers, plan by brainstorming and revise own writing by adding more information.	EEW.7.5. With guidance and support from adults and peers, plan writing and use the editing process to revise own writing.  Ex. After working with the teacher to brainstorm ideas for writing, use a personal word bank to write, interact with the teacher for feedback, and edit own writing based on the feedback.  Ex. After reading a science text, take notes in graphic organizer software, convert the graphic representation into an outline, and use word prediction software with a specific topic dictionary to complete the L column of a KWL chart, share it with classmates, and revise based on their feedback.

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		EEW.7.5. With guidance and support from adults and peers, plan by brainstorming and revise own writing by adding more information.  Ex. After working with the teacher to brainstorm ideas for writing that are then entered in a word bank for the student to use when writing, add more information to own writing after sharing and getting suggestions from peers.  Ex. After working with peers to brainstorm ideas for writing with the information in graphic organizer software, use the software to transform the organizer into an outline and add to the ideas in the outline.  Ex. After reading a science text, work with a peer or teacher to take notes in graphic organizer software, convert the graphic representation into an outline, and use word prediction software with a specific topic dictionary to complete the L column of a KWL chart, share it with another pair of classmates, and revise based on their feedback.  EEW.7.5. With guidance and support from adults and peers, plan by brainstorming to strengthen own writing.  Ex. Work with the teacher to read something the students have already written and brainstorm ideas of things to add to strengthen the writing.  Ex. Work with peers to brainstorm ideas for writing and put the information in graphic organizer software.  Ex. Work with teacher and peers in writing groups to listen to each group member respond ("What I liked best about your writing ," "One question I have is ?". and "One suggestion I have is"), and use that feedback to revise draft with teacher guidance.

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		EEW.7.5. With guidance and support from peers and adults, write.  Ex. With guidance and support from peers, select words from a word bank for writing.  Ex. With guidance and support from an adult, use partner-assisted scanning with two switches to direct the adult to say each letter of the alphabet ("Tell me the next one.") and write desired letters ("Write that one for me.").
W.7.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and link to and cite sources as well as to interact and collaborate with others, including linking to and citing sources.	EEW.7.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce writing to interact and collaborate with others.	EEW.7.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce writing while interacting and collaborating with others.  Ex. Work with a peer to use a website to learn about a topic, take notes in graphic organizer software, convert the graphic organizer to an outline, and co-author a summary.  Ex. In a science lesson, after visiting a topically relevant website, use a talking word processor to draft notes and then share what was learned with peers.

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		EEW.7.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce writing to interact and collaborate with others.  Ex. Use e-mail to interact with a pen pal.  Ex. Record daily activities on a blog that is shared with parents instead of a traditional home-school notebook.  Ex. Navigate the Internet using screen reader software, identify information about the selected topic, use the information to write using a talking word processor with an alternative keyboard, and share what was learned with classmates.  Ex. Select images from the Internet and write about the images using a talking word processor and word prediction software and share what is learned with classmates.  Ex. Use a teacher-created or teacher-identified website to learn about a topic with a peer, take notes with the peer in graphic organizer software, convert the graphic organizer to an outline, and co-author a summary.  Ex. In a science lesson, after visiting websites designated by the teacher (e.g., Internet Workshop), use a talking word processor to draft notes and then share what was learned with peers.

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		EEW.7.6. With guidance and support from adults, use technology, including the Internet, to produce writing to interact and collaborate with others.  Ex. Use a list of criteria, word prediction software, and an alternative keyboard to write an e-mail to a pen pal.  Ex. Use an alternative keyboard programmed with the day's activities and some comments to write an entry on a blog that is shared with parents instead of a home-school notebook.  EEW.7.6. With guidance and support, use technology to participate in group writing projects.  Ex. Use voice output communication devices to interact with peers during collaborative writing projects, pointing out ideas or words they would like added to the text.  Ex. Use a preprogrammed alternative keyboard to contribute to a small group writing project.  Ex. Use a switch to say "I like that" (if they choose) when asked by group members what they think of pictures and text being developed by a small group.  Ex. Use a camera to capture pictures that are then used in a story being developed by a small group and indicate "yes" or "no" when asked if accompanying text written by group seems on target.
Research to Build and	<b>EEW.7.7.</b> Conduct research	
Present Knowledge.	to answer a question based	
W.7.7. Conduct short	on multiple sources of information.	
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research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation.		EEW.7.7. Conduct research to answer a question based on many sources of information.  Ex. Conduct research using the Internet to gather information from various sources on a topic assigned by the teacher (e.g., The teacher asks students to identify the habitat and eating habits of prey and the student reads four websites to identify the information before writing the answer.).  Ex. Use sticky notes to mark pages in many topical books where there is relevant information (e.g., What led to the Boston Tea Party?), and then write that information in a group research project.  EEW.7.7. Conduct research to answer a question based on multiple sources of information.  Ex. Search websites bookmarked by the teacher for information to use in writing about a topic (e.g., The teacher asks students to answer the question, "How is the moon different from earth?" and the student reads the websites to identify information before writing the answer.).  Ex. Use screen reading software to read two or more websites bookmarked by the teacher. While reading, capture information and use it to write an answer to a question (e.g., Where is water found on earth? Most water in oshuns [oceans]. Water in lakes. Water in air. Water in people and anmals [animals].).

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		EEW.7.7. Conduct research to answer a question based on one source of information.  Ex. Read text to collect information that answers a question on a given topic (e.g., The teacher asks students to identify the habitat and eating habits of prey and gives students a text that has the answers in it. The students read the text in order to find the answers.).  Ex. Using a ready-made set-up for an interactive whiteboard created by the teacher that first presents a question, then presents a text that includes the answer, read the question and the text (using screen reading software), and then write an answer to the question using a talking word processor with word prediction software.  Ex. Read or listen to sections of a book about water highlighted by a peer or teacher, and then use highlighted information to write an answer to a question (e.g., "Where is most of the water on earth?" water in oshun [ocean].).  Ex. Given a text displayed on an interactive whiteboard, work with a peer to identify two facts to include in a group research project.

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		<b>EEW.7.7.</b> Participate in group research and writing activities.  Ex. Work with peers to highlight words from group research to be used to answer questions on a research topic (e.g., The student works with a group of peers to read information about water projected on an interactive whiteboard. The group takes turns highlighting words and sentences about writing. The teacher reads the highlighted information and the question, "Where is most of the water on earth?" The student answers by touching highlighted words, using a single message voice output device, signing or saying "oceans.").  Ex. During a shared reading/writing lesson, use a single message voice output device to say, "Write that down," when the teacher reads information that is important and listen and observe as the teacher reads it aloud and points to the words.
w.7.8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.	from multiple print or digital sources that provides important information about a topic.	EEW.7.8. Select quotes from multiple print or digital sources that state conclusions about a topic.  Ex. Given a collection of bookmarked websites, use a screen reader to read the sites and select quotes that state conclusions about the topic and write notes on the information they provide.  Ex. Given a collection of books, search for quotes that state conclusions on an assigned topic and write notes on the information they provide.

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		EEW.7.8. Select quotes from multiple print or digital sources that provides important information about a topic.  Ex. Given a collection of bookmarked websites, use a screen reader to read the sites and select quotes about the topic and write notes on the information they provide.  Ex. Given a collection of books, search for quotes on an assigned topic, and write notes on the information they provide.
		EEW.7.8. Select quotes from print or digital sources that provide information about a topic.  Ex. Given a passage projected on an interactive whiteboard, highlight portions that provide information about the topic and with teacher guidance and support, write notes on information they provide.  Ex. Given a book, mark informative quotes with sticky notes, and with teacher guidance and support, write notes on information they provide.  Ex. Given a selection of quotes from a text on a given topic, identify which quotes specifically address the topic and, following teacher-led discussion, write what they mean.  EEW.7.8. With guidance and support during shared reading, identify when information about a topic is read.  Ex. Use a single message voice output device during shared reading to say, "That sounds good." The teacher attributes meaning by connecting to information on the page.  Ex. During shared reading, given a list of words (some of which are included in the text), identify those that are relevant and what information they provide.

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W.7.9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.  a. Apply grade 7 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "Compare and contrast a fictional portrayal of a time, place, or character and a historical account of the same period as a means of understanding how authors of fiction use or alter history").	EEW.7.9. Use information from literary and informational text to support writing.  a. Apply Essential Elements of Grade 7 Reading Standards to literature (e.g., "Recognize the difference between fictional characters and nonfictional characters.").	EEW.7.9.a. Apply Essential Elements of Grade 7 Reading Standards to literature (e.g., "Recognize the difference between fictional characters and nonfictional characters.").  Ex. After reading a book and identifying which characters are fictional, use the information in the book to make a list of the characteristics of the characters.  Ex. After reading a story and seeing a video of the same story, write to compare the two.  Ex. After reading a story and a topically related history text, complete notes in a Venn diagram in graphic organizer software, listing what is unique to the characters in a fictional text and people in a topically related nonfiction text and what is the same.  EEW.7.9.a. With guidance and support from adults and peers, apply Essential Elements of Grade 7 Reading Standards to literature (e.g., "Recognize the difference between fictional characters and nonfictional characters.").  Ex. After the teacher reads a book with a small group to identify whether the characters in a story are real or fictional, work with the group to use the information in writing about the characters.  Ex. Write words or phrases from a list to identify what is the same between characters in a fictional text and people in a topically related nonfiction text.  Ex. After reading a story and a topically related history text, with teacher

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		guidance and support, complete notes in a Venn diagram in graphic organizer software, listing what is unique to the characters in a fictional text and people in a topically related nonfiction text and what is the same.  EEW.7.9.a. With guidance and support from adults and peers, participate in group writing projects about information gathered from literary or informational text.  Ex. During a shared reading/writing lesson, use a single message voice output device to say, "Write that down," when the teacher reads a detail or idea that is important.  Ex. During shared reading of text projected on an interactive whiteboard,
		indicate with "yes" or "no" whether they think the highlighted text chosen by peers is important and listen as peers defend choice in text.
b. Apply grade 7 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the	EEW.7.9.b. Apply Essential Elements of Grade 7 Reading Standards to informational text (e.g., "Delineate the specific claims in a text.").	EEW.7.9.b. Apply Essential Elements of Grade 7 Reading Standards to informational text (e.g., "Delineate the specific claims in a text."). Ex. After highlighting the claims from a list that were found in an informational text, write about the best claim and what makes it best. Ex. After reading a print ad or commercial and selecting from a list of claims the ones found in the commercial or advertisement, write the claims selected and what makes them exaggerated.

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claims").		EEW.7.9.b. With guidance and support, apply Essential Elements of Grade 7 Reading Standards to informational text (e.g., "Delineate the specific claims in a text.").  Ex. After identifying a claim in a print ad, write the claim and, with teacher guidance and support, explain how it is exaggerated.  Ex. After reading an article about plastic surgery in a popular magazine, and participating in a teacher-led discussion about what claims might lead someone to choose such a procedure, use word prediction software to write about the claims.  EEW.7.9.b. With guidance and support, participate in shared writing activities that build on shared reading activities.  Ex. During a shared reading/writing lesson, use a single message voice output device to say, "Write that down," when the teacher reads a claim from an advertisement.
Range of Writing.	<b>EEW.7.10.</b> Write routinely for a variety of tasks,	<b>EEW.7.10.</b> N/A
w.7.10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.	purposes, and audiences.	EEW.7.10. Write routinely for a variety of tasks, purposes, and audiences.  Ex. Write a note to include in the home-school notebook.  Ex. Send an e-mail to a friend.  Ex. Write labels to go with a display for a group research project.

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		EEW.7.10. With guidance and support, write routinely for a variety of tasks, purposes, and audiences.  Ex. Using a preprogrammed word bank and additional full alphabet access on the computer, write a note to include in the home-school notebook.  Ex. Using a rubric or set of criteria and word prediction software to type and send an e-mail to a friend.  Ex. With guidance and support, write labels to go with a display for a group research project.  Ex. Using a keyboard, adapted as needed, with full access to the alphabet and some key vocabulary from the discipline-specific tasks, write an e-mail about that day's instruction for an absent classmate.
		<b>EEW.7.10.</b> With guidance and support, communicate routinely in ways that are linked to writing for a variety of purposes and audiences. Ex. Using a multiple message voice output device and given modeling from an adult communication partner, use the device to make comments during shared reading which are added to a written summary of the text. Ex. Using a multiple message voice output device and given modeling from an adult communication partner, communicate feelings which are written by the teacher into a <i>Feelings</i> book. Ex. Using partner-assisted scanning and a photo of a recent instructional activity, select letters which the partner writes down and rereads aloud (letters and/or words).

Seventh Grade English Language Arts Standards: Speaking and Listening

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Comprehension and	<b>EESL.7.1.</b> Engage in a range	<b>EESL.7.1.a.</b> Come to discussions with self-created materials or supports to
Collaboration.	of collaborative	use in sharing information.
	discussions.	Ex. Program information into a multiple message voice output device for
<b>SL.7.1.</b> Engage effectively	a. Come to discussions	use in discussion and opens page with messages as discussion begins.
in a range of collaborative	prepared to share	Ex. Prepare note cards with pictures and words to use during a discussion.
discussions (one-on-one, in	information.	
groups, and teacher-led)		<b>EESL.7.1.a.</b> Come to discussions prepared to share information.
with diverse partners on		Ex. Practice preprogrammed messages in a multiple message voice output
grade 7 topics, texts, and		device for use in discussion.
issues, building on others'		Ex. Preview a discussion study guide prior to the discussion.
ideas and expressing their		
own clearly.		<b>EESL.7.1.a.</b> Prepare for discussions.
<ul> <li>a. Come to discussions</li> </ul>		Ex. Get ready for a discussion with peers by completing a specific
prepared, having read		assignment on a shared topic (e.g., Find a fact about).
or researched material		Ex. Prepare for a discussion about a science topic by watching a video on
under study; explicitly		the topic prior to the discussion.
draw on that		EESI 7.1.2 Participate in discussions
preparation by		<b>EESL.7.1.a.</b> Participate in discussions.
referring to evidence		Ex. Respond to others when addressed.  Ex. Comment to others during a group discussion.
on the topic, text, or		LX. Comment to others during a group discussion.
issue to probe and		
reflect on ideas under		

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discussion.		
b. Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.	EESL.7.1.b. With guidance and support from adults and peers, follow simple, agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.	EESL.7.1.b. With guidance and support from adults and peers, follow simple, agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles. Ex. After being assigned a role for a literature circle discussion, fulfill the role with support from peers in the group. Ex. Given an object to help the group insure that only one student is talking at a time, listen while peers are talking and share own ideas when holding the object.  EESL.7.1.b. With guidance and support from adults and peers, follow simple, agreed-upon rules for discussions. Ex. Use a multiple message voice output device to add comments during a discussion offered spontaneously without attention to rules. Ex. Add to the discussion when directly prompted to (e.g., "Tell us what you think.").  EESL.7.1.b. Participate in discussions with adults and peers. Ex. Respond to others when addressed. Ex. Comment to others during a group discussion.
c. Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others'	<b>EESL.7.1.c.</b> Remain on the topic of the discussion when asking or answering questions or making other	EESL.7.1.c. N/A

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questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.	contributions.	EESL.7.1.c. Remain on the topic of the discussion when asking or answering questions or making other contributions.  Ex. During a discussion with peers about a text, add a comment to the discussion that is on topic (e.g., "It said to").  Ex. During a discussion after a presentation, add a comment to the discussion about the presentation (e.g., "He said to").  EESL.7.1.c. Ask and answer questions specific to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.  Ex. During a discussion with peers about a text, ask specific questions about the content (e.g., "Why did she do that?") and answer questions when asked by peers (e.g., "What do you think?").  Ex. During a discussion with peers about current events, ask specific questions (e.g., "What happened to him?") and answer questions (e.g., "Have you ever been there?").  EESL.7.1.c. Participate in discussions.  Ex. Respond to others when addressed.
d. Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.	<b>EESL.7.1.d.</b> Accept when others involved in the discussion agree or disagree with own perspective.	Ex. Comment to others during a group discussion.  EESL.7.1.d. N/A  EESL.7.1.d. Accept when others involved in the discussion agree or disagree with own perspective.  Ex. After making a statement in a discussion when teacher asks, "What do you think?," if others disagree, indicate the comment was understood.

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		EESL.7.1.d. Indicate agreement with others during group discussions.  Ex. Using preprogrammed messages, communicate agreement with points others state.  Ex. During a discussion about a science experiment in which the group participated or observed, use a multiple message voice output device to indicate agreement with a peer when he or she comments on the experiment.  EESL.7.1.d. Participate in discussions.  Ex. Respond to others when addressed.
<b>SL.7.2.</b> Analyze the main	EESL.7.2. Identify the main	Ex. Comment to others during a group discussion.  EESL.7.2. Identify how the main idea is presented in graphical, oral, visual,
ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how the ideas clarify a topic, text, or issue under study.	idea of information presented in graphical, oral, visual, or multimodal formats that relate to a topic, text, or issue under	or multimodal formats that relates to a topic, text, or issue under study.  Ex. State the main idea, purpose, or message of an informational video and explain how that representation relates to the topic being studied.  EESL.7.2. Identify the main idea of information presented in graphical, oral, visual, or multimodal formats that relate to a topic, text, or issue under study.  Ex. State the main idea, purpose, or message of an informational video.  Ex. State the main idea of a graph showing students' preferences during free time (e.g., "Tells you what most kids like to do.").

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		EESL.7.2. Identify the topic of information presented in graphical, oral, visual, or multimodal formats that relates to a topic, text, or issue under study.  Ex. Identify the topic of a video from an array of choices.  Ex. Identify the topic of several different illustrations in a science textbook.  EESL.7.2. With support, identify graphic, visual, tactual, or other information that represents a particular topic.  Ex. Given an array of visual and/or tactual representations of lunch items, identify the pictures of our choices for lunch today.
SL.7.3. Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.	EESL.7.3. Determine whether the claims made by a speaker are fact or opinion.	EESL.7.3. After listening to a speaker, recall the speaker's claims and determine whether they are fact or opinion.  Ex. After listening to the school's morning news program, recall what was on the news and determine whether the claims were fact (e.g., The boy's soccer team won.) or opinion (e.g., The dance is going to be really fun.).  Ex. After watching a short documentary, discuss the claims made by the narrator and determine whether each is fact or opinion.  EESL.7.3. Determine whether the claims made by a speaker are fact or opinion.  Ex. Identify fact versus opinion using key words such as <i>all</i> , <i>never</i> , <i>I</i> think, <i>I</i> believe, <i>I</i> feel (e.g., The Earth is a planet versus I think that people should take better care of the earth.).  Ex. Given a list of statements recorded while a speaker was talking, sort the statement based on those that are fact and those that are opinion.

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		Ex. After watching a short documentary, review a list of claims made by the narrator (recorded by a peer or adult) and determine whether each is fact or opinion.
		<b>EESL.7.3</b> . Determine whether one specific claim made by a speaker is fact or opinion.
		Ex. Given a statement written by a peer or adult while a speaker was talking, determine if it is fact or opinion.
		Ex. After listening to a speaker make a single claim (e.g., "I think we have to try."), determine if the claim is fact or opinion.
		<b>EESL.7.3</b> . Communicate own opinion about a claim made by a speaker. Ex. After listening to the school's morning news program, indicate whether the items in the news are <i>good</i> or <i>bad</i> (e.g., The teacher asks, "Is it good or bad that the boy's soccer team won?"). Ex. After watching a short documentary, indicate whether the main claim
		made by the narrator (e.g., "We must save the environment.") is <i>right</i> or wrong.
Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas.	<b>EESL.7.4.</b> Present findings including descriptions,	<b>EESL.7.4</b> . Present own findings including descriptions, facts, or details related to a main idea or theme.
<b>SL.7.4.</b> Present claims and findings, emphasizing	main idea or theme.	Ex. State the main idea of one's own presentation (e.g., <i>Animal shelters fit their needs.</i> ) and share specific descriptions of facts and details related to the topic.
salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions,		Ex. Using a multimedia presentation on an interactive whiteboard, present the theme of the presentation (e.g., <i>Rocks and minerals are all around us.</i> ), and present facts or details about them.

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facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.		EESL.7.4. Present findings including descriptions, facts, or details related to a main idea or theme.  Ex. After working with a group to create a presentation on <i>Rocks and Minerals All Around Us</i> , present the findings including details regarding the rocks and mineral samples that are being passed around the class.  Ex. After working with an adult to create a report on a book, present the report including a clear statement of the main idea of the book and details related to the main idea.  EESL.7.4. Present findings including details related to a main idea or theme.  Ex. Having worked with a group to create a presentation on <i>Rocks and Minerals All Around Us</i> , present one or two details.  Ex. After reading a book and discussing the theme, present two details related to the theme.
		EESL.7.4. Indicate a detail related to a selected topic.  Ex. Point to a detail in a media presentation.  Ex. Vocalize in response to a specific part of a media presentation.
<b>SL.7.5.</b> Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and findings and emphasize salient points.	<b>EESL.7.5.</b> Select or create an audio recording, images, photographs, or other visual/tactual displays to emphasize points in presentations.	<b>EESL.7.5</b> . Select or create an audio recording, images, photographs, or other visual/tactual displays to emphasize points and enhance the overall presentations.  Ex. Select audio recordings of different weather (e.g., light rain, thunder storm, hail, tornado) to enhance a presentation on the weather and emphasize the increasing intensity of the storm types from beginning to end.

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		Ex. Select pictures or clipart to explain how to feed a dog.
		<b>EESL.7.5</b> . Select or create an audio recording, images, photographs, or other visual/tactual displays to emphasize points in presentations. Ex. Make a drawing to emphasize an important point in a presentation. Ex. Select an array of images from a media source to support points in a presentation.
		<b>EESL.7.5</b> . Select items, images, or photographs to create a visual or tactual display.
		Ex. Select photographs for the group to use in creating a montage about the class project.
		Ex. Select objects from the set of objects collected by classmates to place in a visual display for curriculum night.
		<b>EESL.7.5</b> . Select items for a visual or tactual display for the group to use in a presentation.
		Ex. Choose pictures to emphasize a point in the group's presentation given a choice of two or more acceptable photos.
		Ex. Choose tactual displays to emphasize a point in the group's presentation given a choice of two or more acceptable options.
<b>SL.7.6.</b> Adapt speech to a	EESL.7.6. Communicate	<b>EESL.7.6</b> . Communicate precisely (i.e., provide specific and complete
variety of contexts and	precisely (i.e., provide	information) or efficiently (i.e., telegraphic communication) as required by
tasks, demonstrating	complete information) or	the context, task, and communication partner demonstrating
command of formal English		understanding of formal English.
when indicated or	communication) as	Ex. Communicate an event from different perspectives for different

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appropriate.	required by the context,	audiences (e.g., Tell about a personal experience in class and adjust the
	task, and communication partner.	language to tell about the same event to peers.).
		<b>EESL.7.6</b> . Communicate precisely (i.e., provide complete information) or
		efficiently (i.e., telegraphic communication) as required by the context, task, and communication partner.
		Ex. Provide specific details when relating an event in which they
		participated differently for different contexts and audiences (e.g., "He did" "I did").
		Ex. Provide a complete account of an event in which they participated
		differently for different audiences (e.g., "First, we Next, we Then, we , and ").
		<b>EESL.7.6</b> . Participate in communication activities with a partner.
		Ex. Initiate communication with a partner.
		Ex. Respond meaningfully by gesturing, nodding, or using other devices to
		indicate understanding to communications from others.
		<b>EESL.7.6.</b> Communicate with multiple communication partners.
		Ex. Use eye gaze to communicate with more than one communication partner.
		Ex. Use a single message voice output device programmed with a greeting
		to communicate with adults and peers in hallway.

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Conventions of Standard English.  L.7.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.  a. Explain the function of phrases and clauses in general and their function in specific sentences.	EEL.7.1. Demonstrate standard English grammar and usage when writing or communicating. a. Produce simple complete sentences when writing or communicating.	EEL.7.1.a. Produce a combination of simple and complex complete sentences when writing and communicating.  Ex. Writes about personal experiences using simple sentences (e.g., I went to the mall.) and complex sentences (e.g., I got a CD, a shirt, and a game.).  EEL.7.1.a. Produce simple complete sentences when writing or communicating.  Ex. Respond to questions using standard grammar.  Ex. Request help using a complete simple sentence.  EEL.7.1.a. Use multiple word utterances when writing or communicating.  Ex. Say, "I want that one" when asked to make a choice.  EEL.7.1.a. Respond to standard English grammar and usage when communicating.  Ex. Follow simple commands delivered verbally or by gesture, sign, or other form of communication.  Ex. Indicate understanding of a statement by the teacher or a peer by responding to the statement (e.g., nod in agreement, answer question).
b. Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex	EEL.7.1.b. N/A	

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sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas		
c. Place phrases and clauses within a sentence, recognizing and correcting misplaced and dangling modifiers.*[sic]	EEL.7.1.c. N/A	
L.7.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.  a. Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives (e.g., It was a fascinating, enjoyable movie; but not, He wore an old[,]	EEL.7.2. Demonstrate understanding of conventions of standard English when writing.  a. Use end punctuation when writing a sentence or question.	EEL.7.2.a. Use end punctuation when writing text with multiple sentences.  Ex. When writing a journal entry, ends each sentence appropriately with a period.  Ex. When writing about an observation in science class that includes two or more sentences and ends each with a period appropriately.  Ex. When writing a short note or e-mail to a friend, include a question and two or three short sentences and correct ending punctuation.  EEL.7.2.a. Use end punctuation when writing a sentence or question.  Ex. Writes a single sentence about an observation during science class and uses a period correctly at the end of the sentence.  Ex. Writes a note to a friend including the question, "Will you go?"

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green shirt.)		<b>EEL.7.2.a.</b> Use a period to end a sentence.  Ex. When participating in shared writing, reminds teacher to end the sentence with a period.
		<b>EEL.7.2.a.</b> Participate in shared writing of sentences.  Ex. Make a choice from two items to complete a sentence during shared writing.
b. Spell correctly.	<b>EEL.7.2.b.</b> Spell words phonetically, drawing on knowledge of letter-sound relationships and/or common spelling patterns.	<b>EEL.7.2.b.</b> Spell multi-syllable words phonetically, drawing on knowledge of letter-sound relationships and/or common spelling patterns. <b>EEL.7.2.b.</b> Spell words phonetically, drawing on knowledge of letter-sound relationships and/or common spelling patterns.  Ex. Spell words phonetically when writing simple sentences.
		<b>EEL.7.2.b.</b> Spell common sight words correctly.  Ex. During shared writing the teacher asks that a word be spelled, spell the word (e.g., The teacher asks, "Who can help me spell <i>can?</i> " and the student replies, c-a-n.).  Ex. In own writing, spell common sight words correctly (e.g., <i>is</i> , <i>the</i> , <i>in</i> , <i>at</i> , <i>can</i> , <i>on</i> ).
		<b>EEL.7.2.b.</b> Demonstrate awareness of letters and words.  Ex. Point to letters on a bulletin board in the hallway when asked, "Where are the letters?"  Ex. Point to text when asked to show me the words to read in a book.

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L.7.3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.  a. Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness	EEL.7.3. Use language to achieve desired meaning when writing or communicating.  a. Use precise language as required to achieve desired meaning.	EEL.7.3. N/A  EEL.7.3. Use precise language as required to achieve desired meaning.  Ex. Select language to match appropriate wants and needs.  Ex. After saying, "I want some." and not getting desired item, repeats self saying, "I want some water."  EEL.7.3. Use language to communicate.  Ex. Use a consistent, language-based approach to communicating a variety of communicative functions (e.g., To make a request, the student says "want more," "more <desired item="">," or "Can I?"; to refuse, the student says "no way" or "stop it"; to comment, the student says, "That's cool," "I like it," or "gross.").</desired>
and redundancy.*[ <i>sic</i> ]		<b>EEL.7.3</b> . Acknowledge and respond to communication. Ex. Change affect appropriately in response to others' communication with them – smile, eye gaze, or some form of communication. Ex. Respond to others' communication using own form of communication (e.g., sign, communication device, single word or speech).
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use.  L.7.4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based	knowledge of new vocabulary drawn from reading and content areas.  a. Use context to identify which word in an array of content related	EEL.7.4.a. Use context to determine the meaning of a new word.  Ex. Given a sentence with an underlined word, replace the underlined word with another word that has the same meaning.  EEL.7.4.a. Use context to identify which word in an array of content-related words is missing from a sentence.  Ex. Complete a maze task by using context to fill in missing words.

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on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.  a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	words is missing from a sentence.	EEL.7.4.a. Match vocabulary to meaning. Ex. Match a word to its meaning. Ex. Match a picture to a word.  EEL.7.4.a. Demonstrate an understanding of the meaning of common words. Ex. Identify an object named by an adult.
b. Use common, grade- appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., belligerent, bellicose, rebel).	EEL.7.4.b. N/A	
c. Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g.,	unfamiliar words are	<b>EEL.7.4.c.</b> Consult reference materials (dictionaries, online vocabulary supports) to clarify the meaning of unfamiliar words encountered when reading.  Ex. Use the vocabulary look-up feature in a screen reader to check the

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dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.	or communicating.	meaning of an unknown word. Ex. Use an electronic dictionary to enter an unfamiliar word encountered in text and check the meaning. Ex. Look up an unfamiliar word in a primary dictionary to check the meaning.  EEL.7.4.c. Seek clarification and meaning support when unfamiliar words are encountered while reading or communicating. Ex. While reading, the student points to an unfamiliar word and asks, "What's that?" Ex. Use a bulletin board created by a teacher to clarify meaning of an unfamiliar word encountered while reading.  EEL.7.4.c. Recognize a new word when encountered while reading or communicating. Ex. While reading with a teacher, point to a word indicating that it is the new word they just learned.  EEL.7.4.c. Asks for help when needed. Ex. Indicate need for help by raising hand, hitting switch, etc. Ex. Use a switch to indicate understanding when asked, "Do you understand?," or need for clarification when asked, "Do you have any questions?" Ex. Indicate a need for assistance through gestures, eye contact or gaze, yocalizations, etc.
d. Verify the preliminary	<b>EEL.7.4.d.</b> N/A	

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determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).		
L.7.5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. a. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., literary, biblical, and mythological allusions) in context.	EEL.7.5. Demonstrate an understanding of word relationships. a. Demonstrate understanding of synonyms and antonyms.	EEL.7.5. Produce synonyms and antonyms.  Ex. Create lists of synonyms and antonyms.  Ex. When asked by the teacher, provide a word that is a synonym or antonym for a known word.  EEL.7.5. Demonstrate understanding of synonyms and antonyms.  Ex. Given a set of words, match those that are synonyms (angry = mad; begin = start) and antonyms (near ≠ far; light ≠ dark).  Ex. Given a word, match it to its synonym from two choices  Ex. Given a word, match it to an antonym from two choices.  EEL.7.5.Identify common words that are opposites.  Ex. Select cold when asked to find the opposite of hot.  Ex. When told he can have a small piece, indicate a desire for a big piece.

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		<b>EEL.7.5.</b> Sort words into categories. Ex. Given common words, sort them into categories (e.g., hot versus cold items, big versus small items)
b. Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonym/antonym, analogy) to better understand each of the words.	EEL.7.5.b. N/A	
c. Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., refined, respectful, polite, diplomatic, condescending).	EEL.7.5.c. N/A	
<b>L.7.6.</b> Acquire and use accurately grade-	<b>EEL.7.6.</b> Use general academic and domain-	<b>EEL.7.6.</b> Acquire and use general academic and domain-specific words and phrases.
appropriate general	specific words and phrases.	Ex. Match meaning of content word or phrase to its use in a sentence (e.g.,

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academic and domain-		sentence strip to sentence strip).
specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when		Ex. Answer questions about an informational text that uses new specific content vocabulary.
considering a word or		<b>EEL.7.6.</b> Use general academic and domain-specific words and phrases.
phrase important to		Ex. Fill in the blank with a content word choice from options.
comprehension or		Ex. Use assigned content word or phrase in speaking or writing such as in a
expression.		one or two sentence content report.
		<b>EEL.7.6.</b> Identify general academic and domain-specific words.
		Ex. Match new content words to pictures.
		Ex. Use graphic organizers to generalize and sort old versus new words.
		<b>EEL.7.6.</b> Identify pictures and other symbols that represent general academic and domain-specific words.
		Ex. After the teacher uses photographs to teach new vocabulary to the class, point to picture when asked.